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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the subject application on the merits, consideration and entry of the following amendments are respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENTS

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 1, line 14, after "priority" insert the following: under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to U.S.
Serial No. 09/234,961, filed January 22, 1999, now U.S. Patent No, issued,
which in turn claims priority